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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MARSHALL.

Subj: Signal Intelligence (Communication Intelligence).

Ref : (a) My Top Secret Ultra memo of 18 Sep 45.
(b) Your Top Secret Ultra memo of 25 Sep 45.
(c) My Top Secret Ultra memo of 2 Oct 45.
(d) Your Top Secret Ultra memo of 10 Oct 45.

1. The subject as discussed in the references has received the most careful consideration, with a disposition to see agreement reached on as many points as possible. I am not able, however, to concur in the proposal which you advance in reference (d) to the extent that it is in conflict with the principles stated in references (a) and (c). It is my hope that we will go as far as possible toward a closer integration of the intelligence activities of the Army and Navy, consistently with the principles enunciated in references (a) and (c).

2. The basic difference between us appears to relate to the extent to which we are disposed to approve actual unity of operation and physical consolidation in the field of these intelligence activities. It is a fundamental of Navy policy that we cannot approve a unified operation and administration, or physical consolidation, of the activities of production and dissemination of naval operational (ULTRA) intelligence with those of Army ~~ULTRA~~ intelligence. *of which ULTRA is a part*

Aside from this preservation of independence at the technical level in the

ULTRA field, I would concur, as I have indicated, in the merit of consolidation at the evaluation level; and I would approve arrangements for a unified intelligence evaluation activity, inclusive of the product of ULTRA.

3. It is my thought that there are sufficient points of agreement between us, as reflected in paragraphs 3 and 4 of reference (c), to lead to a very real strengthening and improvement of the integration, and in part to ~~the consolidation of Army and Navy activities in the signal intelligence field~~ *on the basis of mutual agreement and dissemination of ideas*. To the end of achieving such improvement I would suggest the creation of an ad hoc joint group to explore the problem thoroughly and, on the basis of references (a), (b), (c) and (d) and this memorandum, to recommend specific arrangements for implementing those features of our several proposals upon which there exists mutual agreement. I am prepared to designate the following officers as the Navy members of such an ad hoc joint group:

Rear Admiral B. H. Bieri, USN.
Commodore Thos. B. Inglis, USN.

Fleet Admiral, U. S. Navy.